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I claim:

1. A combination comprising a fold-down bed door pivotally mounted to a vehicle sidewall for pivotal movement between a vertical closed position and a horizontal open position, where the vehicle sidewall includes a seal; and

a lock assembly disposed within the bed door for drawing the bed door down against the seal and securing the bed door in its vertical closed position,

the lock assembly includes a latch part and a rotor part,

the latch part disposed within the bed door for reciprocal movement within the plane of the bed door between a locked position where the latch part extends from the bed door and an unlocked position where the latch part is retracted into the bed door, such that latch part contacts the vehicle sidewall when moved from the unlocked position to the locked position to progressively urge the bed door against the seal and secure the platform in the vertical closed position when bed door into the closed position,

the rotor part is rotatably seated within the bed door and operably connected to the latch part for extending the latch part from the unlocked position to the locked position when turned in one direction and for retracting the latch part from its locked position to its unlocked position when turned in the opposite direction, .

2. The Combination of Claim 1 wherein the bed door includes a tubular channel disposed between the first skin and the second skin adjacent the side of the bed door, the channel defining an interior therein, the channel having an opening adjacent the vehicle sidewall, the latch part disposed within the channel interior and extending through the channel opening when moved between the unlocked position and locked position.

3. The Combination of Claim 1 wherein the vehicle sidewall includes a strike plate, the latch part contacting the strike plate when bed door is in its vertical closed position and latch part is moved between the unlocked position and the locked position.

4. The Combination of Claim 1 wherein the latch part is a substantially flat disc rotatably disposed within the bed door for rotation about an axis perpendicular to the plane of the bed door between a first radial position which constitutes the unlocked position and a second radial position which constitutes the locked position,

the latch part having an inclined helical peripheral shoulder whose acclivity spirals